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### IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States imports for consumption from \$1,162.5 million in January to \$1,288.6 million in February, a gain of about 11 percent, resulted from higher levels of imports of all of the economic classes of commodities. The February 1960 imports for consumption total was about 16 percent more than the February 1959 total of \$1,113.6 million. It should be noted that February 1960 had one more day than February 1959.

The Bureau pointed out that the bulk of the over-all increase of about \$126 million in imports for consumption from January to February was accounted for by noticeable increases in imports of two of the five economic classes of commodities, finished manufactures and crude foodstuffs. A part of the rise in imports of finished manufactures from \$410.3 to \$465.1 million was the result of increases in imports of automobiles and parts, from \$61.3 to \$80.6 million; newsprint, from \$48.2 to \$53.6 million; and agricultural machinery and implements, from \$12.1 to \$16.1 million. Imports of coffee rose from \$56.6 to \$101.7 million largely accounting for the increase in imports of crude foodstuffs from \$111.4 to \$165.9 million.

A sizable increase in imports of sugar, from \$32.2 to \$42.4 million was the primary factor in the rise in imports of manufactured foodstuffs from \$105.9 to \$117.3 million. February imports of semi-manufactures, valued at \$293.5 million, were slightly higher than the January total of \$289.9 million. Reflected in the increase were gains in imports of sawed boards, planks and deals, from \$18.9 to \$24.9 million; wood pulp, from \$22.3 to \$26.9 million; and fertilizers and materials, from \$3.5 to \$6.6 million, which were partly offset by a decline in imports of nickel and alloys, from \$18.5 to \$13.9 million.

Although the advance in imports of crude materials from January to February was small, \$245.0 to \$246.8 million, there were some appreciable counter-balancing changes in imports of several of the individual commodities included in this economic class. Increases in imports of crude petroleum, from \$61.5 to \$69.1 million; crude rubber, from \$27.2 to \$32.9 million; and copper, from \$1.7 to \$6.4 million, were largely offset by declines in imports of tin, from \$5.5 to \$1.4 million; lead, from \$4.9 to \$1.1 million, and undressed furs, from \$16.1 to \$12.6 million.

#### EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

**COVERAGE:** Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

**VALUATION:** Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

**EFFECT OF SAMPLING:** Formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
FEBRUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Economic class and commodity	February 1960	January 1960	February 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Total.....value..	1,288.6	1,162.5	1,113.6	1,248.9	1,061.6
Free.....value..	502.1	417.3	457.6	485.2	445.1
Dutiable.....value..	786.5	745.3	656.0	763.8	616.5
Crude materials.....value..	246.8	245.0	243.8	257.7	230.0
Hides and skins.....value..	4.7	5.3	5.5	7.3	4.5
Undressed furs.....value..	12.6	16.1	9.6	8.0	6.7
Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb..	92	79	110	108	89
value..	32.9	27.2	29.7	32.1	20.9
Copra.....1,000 lb..	45,766	40,338	36,214	58,808	50,102
value..	4.2	3.8	3.5	5.7	4.0
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	12,753	14,675	11,804	12,640	11,543
value..	9.5	10.0	8.5	9.3	8.7
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	14,348	9,987	8,999	12,760	12,190
value..	1.1	0.7	0.5	2.1	2.5
Jute and jute butts.....long tons..	10,244	10,044	8,851	5,740	3,121
value..	2.0	1.7	1.7	1.0	0.7
Sisal and henequen.....long tons..	10,840	10,270	10,103	10,432	9,767
value..	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.7	1.3
Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	17	16	18	21	13
clean content <sup>1</sup> ..	13	12	14	16	10
value..	9.3	8.8	8.1	10.3	6.6
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight..	14	14	17	13	9
clean content <sup>1</sup> ..	9	9	11	9	6
value..	10.1	9.5	10.6	8.4	7.1
Pulpwood.....1,000 cords..	136	103	125	104	114
value..	2.8	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.4
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	31,181	47,407	33,403	31,841	31,976
value..	69.1	61.5	82.0	72.2	78.3
Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats..	117	147	124	133	94
value..	6.3	5.5	10.7	7.9	6.0
Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats..	595	1,762	656	1,089	839
value..	2.2	5.4	3.5	5.2	3.3
Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons..	2,516	2,370	1,482	2,969	2,296
value..	23.0	21.5	12.6	26.0	19.3
Ferroalloying ores.....value..	9.5	9.6	8.3	11.0	11.4
Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb..	21,901	6,015	9,011	6,700	16,884
value..	6.4	1.7	2.5	1.9	3.8
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	9,632	46,497	17,921	22,861	39,772
value..	1.1	4.9	1.9	2.3	4.3
Tin (tin content).....long tons..	526	2,452	48	898	455
value..	1.4	5.5	0.1	1.9	0.9
Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb..	62,471	135,531	81,663	74,855	90,091
value..	2.4	7.0	3.4	3.3	4.3
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value..	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.5	6.2
All other crude materials.....value..	27.3	29.1	31.4	31.4	26.9
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	165.9	111.4	165.6	151.9	161.4
Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb..	30,292	42,612	41,331	45,752	39,847
value..	11.5	13.5	12.1	13.5	12.2
Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands..	65	46	69	57	94
value..	6.4	4.4	7.6	6.8	10.8
Grains.....value..	2.7	2.0	1.9	3.2	4.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value..	8.7	6.8	6.2	3.5	3.8
Bananas.....1,000 bunches..	5,260	4,053	4,224	4,518	4,064
value..	7.0	5.5	5.7	6.5	5.8
Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb..	40	32	34	40	37
value..	11.6	9.5	12.7	13.7	14.4
Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb..	284	163	301	255	222
value..	101.7	56.6	108.2	91.1	97.5
Tea.....1,000 lb..	11,416	9,644	8,635	9,140	8,618
value..	5.4	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.0
Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb..	8,173	2,524	2,013	2,914	2,889
value..	3.4	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.6
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	7.6	7.5	6.6	8.7	8.1

See footnotes at end of table.

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FEBRUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	February 1960	January 1960	February 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	117.3	105.9	110.8	133.2	125.3
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	55,881	64,048	66,023	81,209	70,817
value..	24.1	26.7	28.2	32.8	27.9
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	4,333	4,167	4,853	5,322	4,645
value..	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.6	2.3
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	32,556	39,118	31,469	43,453	39,886
value..	9.0	11.3	9.2	12.3	11.0
Fodders and feeds.....value..	1.7	1.6	2.1	1.7	1.8
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	797	630	687	756	772
value..	42.4	32.2	37.7	41.3	43.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	26,102	16,851	17,324	24,205	28,698
value..	2.4	1.8	2.4	3.0	3.7
Whisky.....value..	11.4	10.1	9.7	14.8	13.2
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	24.4	20.5	19.4	24.8	22.2
Semimanufactures.....value..	293.5	289.9	255.8	275.4	220.2
Leather.....value..	3.8	3.4	2.8	4.0	2.6
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	183	303	211	303	200
value..	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	2.6	3.2	3.8	4.7	4.1
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	5,906	6,770	8,654	9,285	9,300
value..	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	5.4	4.9	4.1	5.2	3.7
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	305	214	259	339	283
value..	24.9	18.9	20.5	28.1	21.8
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	302	173	186	203	175
value..	26.9	22.3	24.4	26.2	23.1
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	25,555	27,645	28,710	19,833	17,503
value..	52.4	56.7	62.8	42.1	41.5
Asbestos.....long tons..	46,442	48,882	43,443	48,928	43,706
value..	5.0	4.7	4.2	4.6	4.0
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	61	69	73	77	60
value..	6.3	5.7	7.1	7.2	5.7
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	34.6	36.0	10.3	23.2	7.5
Aluminum.....value..	8.0	8.9	7.1	12.6	11.8
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	98	102	38	62	56
value..	31.2	32.7	10.7	18.6	13.7
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	33,502	50,776	32,084	46,556	61,159
value..	5.6	6.1	4.5	6.2	6.6
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	21,875	25,489	18,839	19,370	15,448
value..	13.9	18.5	11.9	12.3	10.2
Tin.....1,000 lb..	8,120	7,744	10,338	8,744	8,275
value..	7.7	7.2	9.8	8.6	7.5
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	19,338	21,267	14,376	27,583	31,111
value..	2.4	2.5	1.4	2.8	3.0
Coal-tar products.....value..	4.6	3.8	5.1	4.9	3.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	7.7	7.4	8.0	7.8	6.0
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	177	86	147	158	128
value..	6.6	3.5	5.6	5.2	4.9
All other semimanufactures.....value..	43.1	42.4	50.4	49.4	37.4
value..	465.1	410.3	337.6	430.7	324.8
value..	7.3	5.5	4.4	7.0	5.1
value..	1.5	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.3
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	41,454	38,472	14,012	20,031	11,750
value..	7.5	7.6	3.4	4.3	3.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	13.7	13.5	9.7	12.5	9.3
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	82,631	59,802	67,207	80,623	70,910
value..	48,439	36,856	38,763	49,485	40,641
value..	7.8	6.3	6.0	7.6	6.3
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.8	2.8	2.1	2.6	2.3
Wool manufactures.....value..	23.3	22.4	8.9	14.3	10.9
Silk manufactures.....value..	5.4	6.8	4.1	6.1	4.8
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	164	124	169	178	178
value..	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.8	1.6
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	428	371	332	437	407
value..	53.6	48.2	44.2	55.5	51.2
Other paper manufactures.....value..	5.8	5.7	4.6	6.5	5.0
Pottery.....value..	4.4	4.6	3.4	4.8	3.9

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FEBRUARY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	February 1960	January 1960	February 1959	Monthly average	
				1959	1958
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	35.4	34.2	20.5	28.8	13.4
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	9.2	9.0	6.8	9.3	6.4
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	16.1	12.1	14.9	14.1	10.2
Automobiles and parts.....value..	80.6	61.3	60.5	70.3	46.0
Other machinery.....value..	43.1	36.7	28.7	40.0	28.8
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	9.8	8.8	8.4	10.2	10.5
Photographic goods.....value..	3.9	3.3	2.7	4.2	3.4
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.0	2.8	2.2	3.1	2.4
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.0	1.9	1.4	2.4	1.6
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	4.0	4.7	3.3	4.9	3.4
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	4.3	2.5	3.6	4.7	3.9
American goods returned.....value..	21.1	16.7	14.0	19.5	16.6
All other finished manufactures <sup>2</sup> .....value..	87.9	80.1	68.6	84.8	55.1
Estimated value \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments <sup>2</sup> .....value..	10.1	9.5	8.3	10.2	8.3

\*Indicates less than \$50,000.

<sup>1</sup>Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.<sup>2</sup>For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.

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